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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1714

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Nagayuki TAKAO et al Art Unit: 1714
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Va. 22313

January 9, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2003, and further in view of the Notice of Appeal filed on December 14, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 11, 15 and 18 are amended.

Claim 4 is cancelled.